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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/16/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/09/06
Broiler/fryer	163,751	163,726
Light hens	1,232	1,224
Heavy hens	1,519	1,516

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	231	0	231
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	249	0	249
Same week yr ago	109	0	109
To-date/2006	7,533	50	7,583
To-date/2005	12,198	63	12,261

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,388	1,529	2,917
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,049	1,562	2,611
Same week yr ago	1,379	1,483	2,862
To-date/2006	59,941	72,959	132,900
To-date/2005	81,830	69,421	151,251

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,326	1,157	1,529	2,686
Avg Wt	5.49	3.28	8.02	5.98
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,436	800	1,562	2,362
Same wk yr ago	161,899	1,270	1,483	2,753
Avg Wt	5.46	3.29	8.01	5.83
To-date/2006	7,897,646	52,408	72,909	125,317
To-date/2005	7,885,289	69,632	69,358	138,990

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.3 million head, or 8.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	39,631	82,812	27,121	13,762	163,326
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.38	6.85	8.18	5.49
% of total /1	24%	51%	17%	8%	100%
Last week	38,990	85,569	25,406	14,471	164,436
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.42	6.93	8.48	5.53
% of total /1	24%	52%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	58,747	52,293	35,786	15,073	161,899
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.72	6.84	8.37	5.46
% of total /1	36%	32%	22%	9%	100%
To date/2006	2,230,585	3,916,096	1,099,475	651,490	7,897,646
To date/2005	2,302,701	3,787,906	1,325,790	468,892	7,885,289

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	38.22	27.76	0.00	28.18
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,937	2,645	33	1	4,616
Same wk yr ago	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Avg Wt	15.94	37.91	27.77	40.84	28.14
To-date/2006	96,509	126,560	1,334	205	224,608
To-date/2005	90,180	126,618	1,206	210	218,214

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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